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LOK SABHA

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AVERAGE PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare average productivity of Wheat, Sugarcane, Paddy and Mustard;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon by the Government per hectare;

(c) the Minimum Support Price provided by the Government on the said crops during the current year;

(d) whether the Minimum Support Price being given by the Government is less thanthe expenditure incurred on the agriculture farm and research centre;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government propose to increase the Minimum Support Price; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The average productivity of wheat, sugarcane, paddy and rapeseed & mustard during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 is as given below:-

Average Productivity (Kg./hectare)

Crop	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02+
Wheat	2778	2743	2747
Sugarcane	70935	69636	67098
Paddy	2979	2870	3081
Rapeseed & Mustard	960	941	1006

+ Fourth Advance Estimates as on 27.6.2002.

(b): The net area sown during 1998-99 was 142.60 million hectares while the expenditure under Plan Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and Department of Agriculture Research & Education was Rs.1776.35 crore.Thus, the expenditure works out to Rs.124.57 per hectare.

(c): The minimum Support Price (MSP) declared by the Government for the above- mentioned crops for 2001-02 is as under:

Crop	MSP (in Rs./Quintal)
Wheat	620.00
Sugarcane	62.05
Paddy (Common)	530.00
Paddy (Grade A)	560.00
Rapeseed/Mustard	1300.00

(d) & (e): No, Sir.

(f) & (g): The Government decide on the MSP of various agricultural commoditiestaking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of State Governmentsand Central Ministries, as well asrelevant factors, which in the opinion of the Government are important for fixation of MSPs. Cost of cultivation is one of the major factors which is taken into account by the CACP while recommending the MSPs.The MSPs for 2001-02 are higher than those for2000-01 in respect of all the above-mentioned commodities.